



September 1, 2005

To School Nurses and Others,

Healthy Kids Now! will be expanding to cover more children.

The Children's Health Program for non-citizen children begins January 2006. This program will provide full-scope medical coverage similar to Children's Medicaid.

However, enrollment is limited and we expect a waiting list to develop quickly.

Who is eligible? Non-citizen children under age 18 in families under the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This would be children that have been ineligible for Medicaid due to immigration status only. This program is available regardless of immigration status.

Number of people in family	Adjusted gross income per month* Under 100% of the Federal Poverty Level
1	\$ 798
2	1,070
3	1,341
4	1,613
5	1,885
More	Add \$272 for each additional family member

**Adjusted gross income = gross income minus \$90 for each working adult in the household.*

Also subtract work-related child care costs and court-ordered child support paid to child outside the home.

DSHS will begin accepting applications December 1st, 2005

Applications received between Dec 1 and Dec 16th, 2005 will have first priority for coverage. If more children apply than are slots available, there will be a random drawing from those applications received Dec 1st-16th. Those not initially offered coverage will be put on a waiting list.

A separate application has been developed for the Children's Health Program. It will be available at <http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/Eligibility/ChildrensHealth.html> or by calling 1-877-KIDS-NOW. Although the original Healthy Kids Now! application can still be used, the new application is bar coded specifically for this program.

MEDS (Medical Eligibility Determination Services) will process the applications.

After November 30th, 2005 mail applications to:

MEDS, PO Box 45531, Olympia, WA 98599-5531

The CSOs will also accept, and then forward, the applications. However, to assure a spot in the random drawing, the applications need to reach MEDS by December 16th.

For more information, visit

<http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/Eligibility/ChildrensHealth.html>

or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669)